

SUPERTUTORTV's SENIOR YEAR COLLEGE READINESS CHECKLIST!

Summer/Fall

☐ 1. Make a College List

I recommend applying to 8-12 schools if you're considering competitive universities.

At least two of which have admit rates above 30% in any case.

We'll be doing a video on this soon so keep your eyes out on the email list for that!

☐ 2. Get Organized

- ☐ Add to your calendar all the pertinent dates and deadlines for each school on your list:
- ☐ Application deadlines, Scholarship deadlines, Financial aid deadlines, etc.
- ☐ Every school has a little page or section with "dates and deadlines" -- put all those on your calendar!
- ☐ Make a spreadsheet to track your progress on applications for all schools
Name of school / Essays / Letters of Rec / Deadline / Decision mailed / etc.

- ☐ Make documents that have all essay prompts for each school you're applying to (one document or folder of documents per school). Paste in all the prompts to each document so you're ready to write! Don't write these directly in the applications!! Spell check is your friend and you won't find it built into all the online apps (plus they are finicky and can delete your whole essay out; don't risk it!!)

☐ 3. Write your Essays

Start writing your college essays. Get feedback. Revise them.

- ☐ See our YouTube Videos for tips!
<https://youtu.be/ZgE47HGphGM>
<https://supertutortv.com/videos/8-tips-for-your-common-app-college-essay>
<https://supertutortv.com/college/5-ways-jumpstart-college-application-essay>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0QLZOpwT2S4&t=644s>
<https://supertutortv.com/college/5-college-essays-that-suck>

☐ 4. Take or plan out all your necessary tests (ACT/SAT/Subject tests etc.)

- ☐ Be sure you've registered for all necessary admissions tests. LOOK THESE UP for each school on your list.
- ☐ Make a study plan for the SAT or ACT (or checkout our [ACT and SAT courses](#) to get ready and do your best).

☐ 5. Talk to mom & dad about paying for college

☐ 6. Talk to your parents about the FAFSA

- ☐ Also add FAFSA dates and deadlines to your calendar.
- ☐ For more on the FAFSA watch our videos:
<https://youtu.be/aq2qENXzdf8>
<https://youtu.be/YCPo40m2DuA>
<https://youtu.be/bd30kYXhlQg>

- ❑ **7. Identify / Research Scholarships** for financial aid, fill these out and apply to them (add dates to your calendar)

- ❑ **8. Clean up your social media accounts:** Google yourself and see what colleges might see.

- ❑ **9. Ask teachers/counselors/adults for letters of recommendation**

Don't procrastinate! Ask early and follow up the week before deadlines. Put the deadline on your calendar and send a gentle reminder to them (we adults love when you remind us nicely :)).

- ❑ **10. Ensure your counselor has sent transcripts** to all schools you've applied to or check in with him/her to ensure that process is underway. Sometimes this is automatic. Just make sure.
- ❑ **11. Visit Colleges** or learn more online to help you decide where you want to go.

Fall

- ❑ **12. Complete & Submit your College Applications** (any early or fall deadlines or to any schools with scholarships or rolling admissions)
 - ❑ Don't forget to submit **scholarship applications**, too!

Winter

- ❑ **13. If you have deferrals or waitlist letters at this point, write letters (emails) of continued interest**
See these videos for more:
<https://youtu.be/OjMTXYIayjI>
<https://youtu.be/8tx-wf9RY4s>
- ❑ **14. Apply to any other schools** by the deadline (for most it's January 1st, but yours may be different!).

All Year

- ❑ **15. Continue to stay involved**

Make sure to do activities and take advantage of opportunities to make you stand out as an applicant. AWARDS and LEADERSHIP are important. So are INDEPENDENT ORIGINAL PROJECTS if you have any. Start a club. Enter some contests.. Start a company. Publish some articles. Whatever you can to stand out.

- ❑ **16. Keep your grades up**

Colleges will be aware of your grades and can rescind your admissions if they see you slack off.

- ❑ **17. HAVE FUN**

How awesome is it that you are a SENIOR!! Enjoy this year. You made it. It's time for the rest of your life to begin.